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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Thong H. Vu

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 January 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. Claims 1-52 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 1/14/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

A. Applicant argues the 361 does not teach "the property information stored in the server"

Examiner points out the 361 taught "the Multimedia Messaging Service Center receiving (or storing) a multimedia message including the property information" [see claim 7].

B. Applicant argues the 361 does not teach "property information is stored in server i.e. there is no requirement that the wireless terminal transmit this information when a connection is establish between the wireless terminal and the server".

Examiner points out the 361 taught the multimedia messaging service center or server sending a notification which provides the properties of message to the wireless terminal (claim 7). It's clearly the property information stored in server. The argument indicates "there is no requirement that the wireless terminal transmit this information when a connection is establish between the wireless terminal and the server" is not in claim language.

Thus the Double Patenting Rejection sustained.

Double Patenting

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-52 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims

1-13 of U. S. Patent No. 6,678,361 B2 ('361) since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the "right to exclude" already granted in the patent.

The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the patent and is covered by the patent since the patent and the application are claiming common subject matter, as follows:

('361) 7. A method for delivering messages in a communication network consisting of at least one terminal and a multimedia messaging service center, said method comprising the steps of	(Application) 1. A method for implementing a multimedia messaging service between a wireless terminal that communicates with a communication network over a radio path and a server; the method comprising the steps of:
receiving a message (MM) for said terminal	- Receiving and storing a multimedia

(MS) by said multimedia messaging service center (MMSC);	message addressed to the wireless terminal at the server, said multimedia message comprising at least one multimedia component, said multimedia message comprising at least one multimedia component
said multimedia messaging service center (MMSC) receiving capability information concerning the capabilities (CAP) of the terminal (MS) from said terminal, the capability information being capable of indicating codecs supported by said terminal;	- Storing information on at least one property of the wireless terminal in the server,
sending a notification (MMSNotify) that notifies about the presence of said message (MM) from said multimedia messaging service center (MMSC) to said terminal (MS), the notification containing information describing the <u>properties</u> of the message; deciding by said terminal (MS) based on its capabilities (CAP), current user <u>profile</u> (UP) and the <u>properties</u> of the message provided by the notification how said received message (MM) should be handled; replying by said terminal (MS) to the notification sent by said multimedia messaging service center (MMSC), therewith instructing said multimedia messaging service center (MMSC) according to the result of said decision step; and handling said message (MM) by said multimedia messaging service center (MMSC) according to said instructions.	characterized in that the method further comprises <u>determining if there is any component of the multimedia message which the wireless terminal can handle according to the stored information on at least one property of the wireless terminal</u> , wherein if there exists one or more such component, they are selected for transmission and transmitted to the wireless terminal.

Furthermore, there is no apparent reason why applicant was prevented from presenting claims corresponding to those of the instant application during prosecution of the application which matured into a patent. See also MPEP § 804.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thong H. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3904. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Jay Patel* can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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